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SUBJ: CARAMANLIS DEPARTS FOR BONN

1. SUMMARY. CARAMANLIS' VISIT TO BONN, MAY 15-17, MARKS SECOND IN SERIES OF VISITS BY GREEK PRIME MINISTER (FIRST TRIP WAS TO PARIS IN APRIL) AND REFLECTS GOG EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN ITS TIES WITH EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. (CARAMANLIS IS NEXT SCHEDULED TO VISIT BUCHAREST MAY 26-27, BRUSSELS FOR NATO SUMMIT MAY 28-30, AND SOFIA JUNE 4-5.) PRESS COVERAGE ON EVE OF HIS DEPARTURE FOR BONN DESCRIBES PM'S OBJECTIVES AS BEING TO ENLIST FRG SUPPORT FOR GREECE'S DRIVE TO GAIN FULL AND EARLY ENTRY INTO EC, FOR GREEK POSITION ON CYPRUS AND ON AEGEAN QUESTION, AND TO DISCUSS GERMAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE. END SUMMARY.

2. CARAMANLIS, ACCOMPANIED BY FONMIN BITSIOS, UNDER SECRETARY TO PM (PRESS SPOKESMAN) LAMBRIAS, AND DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PM'S POLITICAL OFFICE AMBASSADOR MOLYVIATIS, DEPARTS THIS AFTERNOON FOR TWO-DAY OFFICIAL  
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VISIT TO BONN FOR TALKS WITH CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT,

PRESIDENT SCHEEL AND OTHER FRG LEADERS. NEWS MEDIA SEND-OFF HAS BEEN RESTRAINED WITH EMPHASIS PLACED ON GREECE'S POLICY OF REBUILDING RELATIONS WITH EUROPE. NEWSPAPERS ANTICIPATED LEADERS OF BOTH NATIONS WOULD REVIEW FULL RANGE OF GREEK FOREIGN POLICY PROBLEMS AND SPECULATED, ON BASIS OF REUTERS STORY, THAT GREEK PM WOULD SEEK TO REINFORCE PREVIOUS GOG REQUESTS FOR FRG MILITARY ASSISTANCE. PRESS ACCOUNTS NOTED FRG HAS EARMARKED APPROXIMATELY 100 MILLION MARKS IN MILITARY AID OVER NEXT 18 MONTHS FOR BOTH TURKEY AND GREECE WHICH WOULD BE GRANTED ON "PROPORTIONALLY BALANCED" BASIS. (FRG EMBASSY OFFICER CONFIRMED THAT GOG HAS ALREADY BEEN INFORMED THAT TURKEY WOULD RECEIVE SLIGHTLY GREATER "PROPORTION" OF TOTAL ASSISTANCE.)

3. IN PRESS INTERVIEW WITH LOCAL CORRESPONDENT OF GERMAN NEWS AGENCY (DPA) ON EVE OF DEPARTURE, CARAMANLIS COVERED MUCH OF SAME GROUND AS IN EARLIER DER SPIEGEL INTERVIEW (ATHENS 3496). ON POSSIBLE RETURN OF GREECE TO FULL NATO MEMBERSHIP, CARAMANLIS SAID THAT WHEN NATO PROVES THAT IT HAS THE POSSIBILITY TO PROTECT ITS MEMBERS FROM INTERNAL CONFLICTS, GREECE'S REASONS FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ALLIANCE WILL CEASE TO EXIST. TO QUERY ON MEETING WITH TURKISH PM DEMEREL AT NATO SUMMIT, CARAMANLIS SAID SUCH A MEETING WOULD PROVE TO BE USEFUL IF THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE TURKISH SIDE ALSO PLACES THE SAME IMPORTANCE AS GREECE ON THE NEED FOR THE RESTORATION OF GOOD NEIGHBORLY RELATIONS AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. CARAMANLIS ADDED "I WOULD LIKE TO HOPE THAT POLITICAL FORCES EXIST IN TURKEY WHICH RECOGNIZE THE NECESSITY OF GREEK-TURKISH FRIENDSHIP IN THE MEDITERRANEAN."  
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